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FOURTH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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1. Communication from the European Patent Office ("EPO") dated October 15, 2003, informing applicant's agent of an opposition to applicant's EP application 97106815.0, which claims the same priority as the present application.
2. "Einspruch gegen ein europäisches Patent" (Opposition against a European patent) (in German).
3. Translation into English of the Substantiation of the Opposition (part of item 2 above).
4. Hein, "Growth of Semiinsulating GaAs Crystals by Vertical Gradient Freeze Technique," Crystal Research Technology v. 30, No. 7, pp. 897-909 (1995) (Opposition Reference D1).
5. Hein et al, "Die Kristallisation und Schmelzen aus metallurgischer Prozess," Metall, v. 47, No. 10, pp. 924-928 (Oct. 1993) (Opposition Reference D1A).
6. Flade, "Entwicklung gross flächiger GaAs-Substrate," Freiburger Elektronikwerkstoffe GmbH (the opposer) (Opposition Reference D2).
7. Partial translation into English of item 5 (Opposition Reference D1A).
8. Partial translation into English of item 6 (Opposition Reference D2).
9. Copy of July 1, 2003 letter from Universitätsbibliothek Hannover.... (Opposition Reference D2A).

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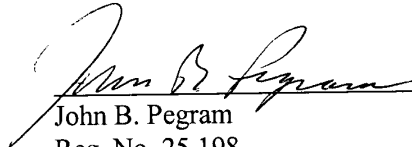
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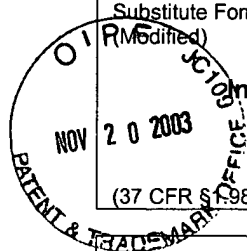
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